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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOI OFFICIALS PREPARE FOR IRAN-IRAQ BORDER TALKS

1. IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY TOLD PRESS GOI CONSIDERS FOUR MAJOR POINTS OF ACCORD ANNOUNCED AT ALGIERS TO BE INTER-RELATED, SO THAT ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ONE WITHOUT OTHERS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. HE COMMENTED THAT AS SOON AS BORDER ISSUES WERE RESOLVED TWO COUNTRIES COULD TAKE STEPS TO COOPERATE IN EVERY FIELD. IRANIAN PRESS COMMENTS HAVE STRESSED CESSATION OF IRAQI PROPAGANDA AGAINST IRAN. PUBLIC REACTION HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF EXPECTATION THAT PILGRIMAGE TRIPS TO NAJAF AND KERBALA WILL NOW BE POSSIBLE.

2. KHALATBARY TOLD ME THAT AT SHAH'S DINNER FOR VISITING AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR JOHN KERR, SOVIET AMBASSADOR EROFEEV SAID THAT NEWS OF THE IRAN- IRAQ ACCORD WAS PLEASING. KHALATBARY OBSERVED THAT SOVIET ATTITUDE MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR IRAQIS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR AGREEMENTS. IRAQI AMBASSADOR JUMMA SAID THAT PROVISIONS OF ACCORD WOULD CREATE DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES FOR SADDAM HUSSEIN, BUT GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ WOULD LIVE UP TO LETTER OF THE AGREEMENTS. KHALATBARY STATED THAT THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15 WOULD BE PROCEDURAL IN NATURE AND WOULD TAKE UP SUCH QUESTIONS AS DEMARKATION OF THE BORDER AND MEMBERSHIP OF BORDER COMMISSION. HE THOUGHT IT  
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MIGHT BE REASONABLE TO HAVE IRANIAN AND IRAQI MEMBERS WORKING

TOGETHER ON THE COMMISSION WITH ALGERIAN OBSERVER BUT THE  
SHAH'S APPROVAL FOR SUCH A FORMULATION HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

3. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI AND ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
BOUTEFLIKA EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FRIDAY FOR BEGINNING TALKS.  
NO INDICATION OF PRECISE AGENDA OR EXPECTED DURATION. EMBASSY  
WILL REPORT ON PROGRESS AS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.  
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